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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: CHADBOURNE GILPATRIC

DATE: September 19, 1946

On July 20, 1946, Miss ROSE ANN CERNE, 1011 17th Street, Northwest, telephone METropolitan 2100, extension 613, advised Special Agent VINCENT W. HUGHES that she is employed in the Personnel Files of the Office of Strategic Services in the War Department and can be reached there on telephone number EXecutive 6100, extension 2981. Miss CERNE came to the Field Office to report some general information and in connection therewith she stated that she knew Mr. GILPATRIC to be a Communist and she thought that the FBI should be advised of this. She stated that he is approximately 33 years of age, that he calls Brooklyn, New York, his home, and that during the War he was a Captain in the United States Army and was assigned to OSS. At the present time he has a brother, DONALD GILPATRIC, who is employed at the State Department.

At the present time subject works in the Director's Office of the Office of Strategic Services (Operations) located at 25th and E Streets, Northwest.

Miss CERNE stated that in addition to having heard the subject express Communist opinions in general, on one occasion while he was still in the Army and was discussing a promotion he was anxious to get with one of his supervisors Miss CERNE happened to overhear this conversation. She stated that she could not hear what the supervisor said, but judging from GILPATRIC's answer he must have implied or stated that GILPATRIC had Communistic tendencies because at that time GILPATRIC said, "Yes, I am a Communist but what's wrong with that?"

Miss CERNE stated that in GILPATRIC's position he has some control over the decisions as to when and where OSS will send its agents throughout the world, and that she has heard GILPATRIC, when discussing such matters with his fellow employees, express the opinion on more than one occasion that the United States should not send secret operatives into Russia. Miss CERNE went on to relate that she has seen subject take classified material out of the office and presumably to his home.

The indices of the Washington Field Office reflect that subject is a member of the Washington Book Shop. No other information is available concerning him except for several references mentioned in the Portuguese, French, Finnish and Russian "Con" files, which references apparently pertain to his legitimate business with the Board of Economic Warfare where he formerly was employed. It is suggested that a case be opened on GILPATRIC and a complete background investigation made of him.

Miss CERNE advised that she not be contacted by another agent at this time because she is fearful of losing her position if her superiors were to know she was cooperating with the FBI.

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Director, FBI

CHADBOURNE GILPATRIC
Office of Strategic Services (Operations)
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Reference is made to your letter dated September 19, 1946.

In view of the information which you have received, you are authorized to institute an immediate investigation in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 14 of the National Defense Manual.

If it is determined that the subject is no longer employed by the Federal Government, the Bureau should be advised by letter and the investigation, in so far as it pertains to Section 9-A of the Hatch Act, should be discontinued.

The investigative reports in cases of this character are submitted to the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations and the employing agency. They must be prepared carefully and promptly.

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SAC, Washington

January 20, 1947

Director, FBI

CHADBOURNE GILPATRIC
Office of Strategic Services (Operations)
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 9, 1946. The Bureau desires that a report be submitted concerning this matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 24, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: CHADBOURNE GILPATRIC
Office of Strategic Services (Operations)
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Reference is made to your letter of October 9, 1946, instructing this office to institute a Hatch Act Investigation on captioned individual.

This is to advise that inasmuch as it has been ascertained that CHADBOURNE GILPATRIC is presently an employee of SSU of the War Department in Washington, D. C., no further action is contemplated in this matter.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

EX-40 To

: Director of Intelligence
War Department General Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Reading Panel Branch

From : John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject : CHADBOURNE GILPATRIC

I wish to advise that on July 20, 1946, Miss Rose Ann Cerne, of 1011 Seventeenth Street, N. W., advised this Bureau on a confidential basis that the above individual, who the informant advised was a Captain in the United States Army and was assigned to OSS during the war, was a Communist. The informant advised that she once heard Gilpatric make the statement, "Yes, I am a Communist, but what is wrong with that?"

It is noted this individual is presently an employee of SSU of the War Department, Washington, D. C.

This matter is being referred to you under the provisions of Executive Order 9300 and Public Law 252 of the 76th Congress, and no further investigation is being made by this Bureau. It is requested that you advise this Bureau whether or not any action is taken regarding this individual on the basis of the information furnished or any investigation you may have conducted.

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SAC, Washington Field Office

March 31, 1947

Director, FBI

CHADBOURNE GILPATRIC
INTERNAL SECURITY; HATCH ACT.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 9, 1946, authorizing an investigation concerning this individual under the provisions of the Hatch Act. Reference is also made to your letter dated January 24, 1947, wherein you advised that Gilpatric was employed by the War Department in Washington, D. C.

The information concerning the above employee has been made available to the Military authorities. However, for your information it is noted that the Bureau has learned from Captain Libby of Central Intelligence that he had received substantially the same report concerning Gilpatric from the Army and assumed that the source of such a report was Rose Ann Cerne.

Captain Libby did not know that Rose Ann Cerne was the informant in this case, but did advise that if she were the informant, no weight should be given to allegations made by her and advised that she was considered to be a "crackpot." Miss Cerne, according to Captain Libby, was formerly employed by OSS and then enlisted in the Navy as a Wave. After she received her discharge from the Navy, she returned to CIC, which had taken over the functions of the former OSS and the Strategic Services Unit of the War Department. In the early part of December, according to Captain Libby, Miss Cerne walked out of CIC and did not return. She subsequently went to the Civil Service Commission and caused considerable trouble.

The above is furnished for your information as to this informant.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd
 FROM : E. G. Fitch
 SUBJECT: CHADBOURNE GILPATRIC

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Reference is made to the Director's letter to the Director of Intelligence, War Department General Staff, dated March 7, 1947, advising that on July 20, 1946, Miss Rose Ann Cerne of 1011 17th Street, N. W., stated on a confidential basis that Gilpatric, formerly a Captain in the U. S. Army and assigned to OSS during the war, was a Communist. The informant also advised that she once heard Gilpatric make the statement "Yes, I am a Communist, but what is wrong with that?"

In discussing other matters with Captain Libby of Central Intelligence, Libby advised Special Agents Doherty and Griffie of the Liaison Section that he had received substantially the same report from the Army and assumed that the source of such a statement came from Rose Ann Cerne. At the time this matter was discussed with Captain Libby, he did not know definitely the informant in this case.

Captain Libby, however, stated that in the event the informant was Rose Ann Cerne, that no weight should be given to the allegation made by her due to the fact that it is believed she is a "crackpot".

According to Captain Libby, Miss Cerne was formerly employed by OSS and then enlisted in the Navy as a Wave. After she received her discharge from the Navy she returned to CIG, which, as you know, had taken over the functions of the former OSS and the Strategic Services Unit of the War Department. In the early part of December, according to Libby, Miss Cerne walked out of CIG and did not return and gave no reason. Subsequently the Personnel Director of CIG wrote her a letter stating in substance that she would have to decide within a period of thirty days whether or not she intended to return, otherwise she would be dropped from the rolls. Captain Libby stated that she went to the Civil Service Commission and caused considerable trouble, even going to the extent of having General Vandenberg subpoenaed which subpoena was subsequently quashed.

Some of the statements made by Miss Cerne regarding her discontinuance at CIG were the male employees did not like women working for them. Captain Libby also stated that she was also the source of the statement regarding Gilpatric.

As of yesterday, the status of Miss Cerne's case at CIG, according to Captain Libby, is still pending before the Civil Service Commission, however, at the present time she is not actively employed by CIG.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the above memorandum be forwarded to the Investigative Division for the attention of Mr. Callan.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

14 March 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

(ATTENTION: Mr. Reynolds)

SUBJECT: Chadbourne GILPATRIC

Reference is made to your letter of 7 March 1947 in regard to Chadbourne Gilpatric, whom your letter described as an employee of the SSU of the War Department.

Your office is advised that upon liquidation of the SSU, Chadbourne Gilpatric became a civilian employee of the Central Intelligence Group, 2430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Since Chadbourne Gilpatric is not an employee of the War Department, the matter is returned to your office.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. John J. Wherty

Gentlemen:

Re: Chadbourne GILPATRIC

Some time ago a rumor came to the attention of this organization that Chadbourne GILPATRIC, an employee was allegedly a Communist. An immediate inquiry was instituted to prove or disprove the rumor and at the same time determine its source. In the course of the inquiry, basically the same rumor was heard from other sources. Absolutely no substantiation of the allegation was developed. On the contrary, all the evidence indicates that Mr. Gilpatric is a loyal American citizen and in no way connected with any ideologies inimicable to the United States.

It was finally determined that Miss Rose Anne CERNE instigated these charges. In an effort to vilify Mr. Gilpatric's reputation, she may have also volunteered this same information to your Bureau. Therefore, I would like to furnish you Miss CERNE's background and the apparent motivation for her actions. This individual was formerly employed by the Central Intelligence Group. She was recently charged with abandonment of her position after an extended absence from work. During the course of her employment, she was a constant personnel problem and was consistently involved in difficulties with fellow employees. At one time she worked directly under Mr. Gilpatric and as a result of necessary administrative changes, she was transferred from her position. She became very bitter particularly towards Mr. Gilpatric whom she apparently blamed as the principal cause for her transfer. She has since that time by her own actions and statements, shown a pathological hatred for Mr. Gilpatric and several other employees of this organization. Any derogatory statements which may reach you which have originated with Miss Cerne concerning Mr. Gilpatric or any other employees or officials of the Central Intelligence Group, should be considered in the light of these facts.

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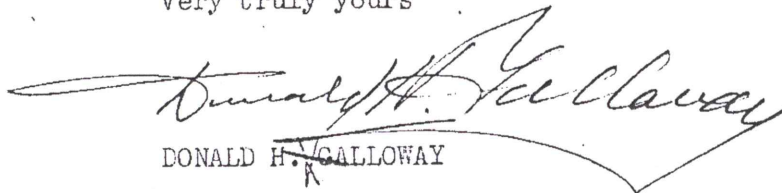
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We would appreciate receiving any information unfavorable to Mr. Gilpatric which has been furnished by any sources other than Miss Cerne. In fairness to Mr. Gilpatric and the others, and as of assistance to you in evaluating the source, I felt that this information should be furnished to you.

Very truly yours


DONALD H. GALLOWAY

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